

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from July 8, 2012
Legalism: The Enemy of Christ
Matthew 15:1-9

Observing the text

Why were the Pharisees and Jesus in such frequent conflict?

What was the basis for the question asked of Jesus in Matthew 15:2?

List the specific rebukes that Jesus speaks. What are the similarities and differences?

What is the significance of Jesus' quotation of Isaiah 29:13 in Matthew 15:8-9?

How does this section of Scripture set up the rest of Jesus' ministry to Israel?

Applying the sermon

What is the problem with elevating the opinions of man to the level of the word of God?

What ways have you seen the opinions of man elevated to the word of God?

What was your reaction when this occurred?

How have you elevated your opinions to the level of the word of God in the past?

In retrospect, what is your view of how you conducted yourself and why?